

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2009. Applicant has amended claims 47, 56, 57, 66, and 68, and cancelled claims 48, 50, 54, 64, 67, and 69. Applicant has added claims 70 – 81. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 47, 56, 57, 66, 68, and 70-81 will be pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant would like to point out that the Examiner has yet to provide an initialed copy of a 1449 form that accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 22, 2009. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement and provide an initialed copy of the 1449 form along with the next official action.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 47, 48, 50, 54, 56, 57, 64 and 66-69 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner also rejected claims 47, 48, 50, 54, 56, 57, 64 and 66-69 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has cancelled claims 48, 50, 54, 64, 67, and 69, and amended claims 47, 56, 57, 66, and 68 for purposes of clarification. Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Moreover, Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

New Claims:

Applicant has added claims 70 - 81 to the pending application. No new matter has been added by the new claims.

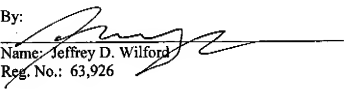
CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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